

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1003–S1133

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 371–386, S. Res. 38–39, and S. Con. Res. 4. **Pages S1056–57**

Measures Reported: S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 110–2)

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Con. Res. 2, expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq, with an amendment. **Pages S1055–56**

Fair Minimum Wage: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1011–48**

Adopted:

Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 187 (to Amendment No. 112), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1044–45**

Sununu Amendment No. 112 (to Amendment No. 100), to prevent the closure and defunding of certain women's business centers. **Pages S1011, S1045**

Kennedy (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 127, to amend the Buy American Act to require each Federal agency to submit reports regarding purchases of items made outside of the United States. **Page S1045**

Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 24), Allard Amendment No. 116 (to Amendment No. 100), to afford States the rights and flexibility to determine minimum wage. **Pages S1021–22, S1041–42, S1043–44**

Withdrawn:

Wyden Amendment No. 104 (to Amendment No. 100), to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. **Pages S1022–24**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1011–48**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures. **Pages S1011, S1012–19**

Kyl Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2008, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements. **Page S1011**

Bunning Amendment No. 119 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits. **Page S1011**

Enzi (for Ensign/Inhofe) Amendment No. 152 (to Amendment No. 100), to reduce document fraud, prevent identity theft, and preserve the integrity of the Social Security system. **Page S1011**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 153 (to Amendment No. 100), to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers, including those making minimum wage, and to help ensure greater Congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect. **Page S1011**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 154 (to Amendment No. 100), to improve access to affordable health care. **Page S1011**

Smith Amendment No. 113 (to Amendment No. 100), to make permanent certain education-related tax incentives. **Page S1011**

Vitter/Voinovich Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns. **Page S1021**

DeMint Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and the use of health savings accounts for the payment of health insurance premiums for high deductible health plans purchased in the individual market. **Pages S1027–29**

DeMint Amendment No. 156 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 157 (to Amendment No. 100), to increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 158 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 100), to increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 159 (to Amendment No. 100), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 160 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain small businesses to defer payment of tax. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 161 (to Amendment No. 100), to prohibit the use of flexible schedules by Federal employees unless such flexible schedule benefits are made available to private sector employees not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. **Pages S1035–38**

DeMint Amendment No. 162 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding the minimum wage. **Pages S1035–38**

Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 128 (to Amendment No. 100), to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns. **Page S1042**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100) (listed above). **Pages S1018–19**

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 23), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1020**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2007; that there be one hour of debate, equally divided between Senators Kennedy and DeMint on DeMint Amendment No. 158 (listed above); that no amendments to the amendment be in order prior to a vote on, or in relation to, the amendment, and Senate then vote on, or in relation to, the amendment. **Page S1133**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—24) **Pages S1019, S1020, S1043–44**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1133.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PANDEMIC FLU

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine progress made and challenges ahead relating to pandemic flu, focusing on vaccines, antiviral therapies, and diagnostics, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Gerald W. Parker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lieutenant General